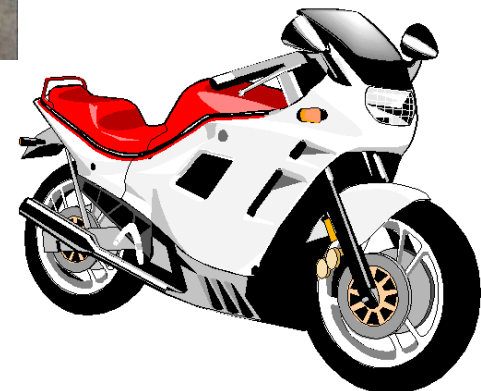
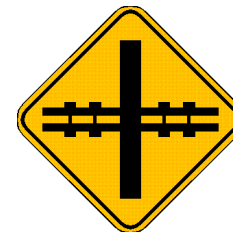




Special Situations





Join the Navy...Drive the World (Safely)



Overseas duty or cruises may present unique driving opportunities: special rules, sometimes diff

You are responsible for your actions, but you also reflect the Navy and the USA.

“Ambassador Sailor”





Basic Overseas Guidelines



- ❖ You may require an International Drivers Permit (IDP).
- ❖ You must be at least age 18 (some countries have a minimum and maximum driving age).
- ❖ Car rental agencies overseas usually provide insurance (required coverage may be minimal). A good rule of thumb is to purchase coverage equivalent to that you carry at home. Always purchase liability insurance. In general, your U.S. auto insurance does not cover you abroad.
- ❖ Obtain a copy of local driving rules before driving in another country.
- ❖ If the drivers in the country you are visiting drive on the opposite side of the road, practice driving in a less populated area before attempting heavy traffic.
- ❖ Find out before you start your journey who has the right of way in a traffic circle.



Rules of the Road I



1. Always allow extra travel time.
2. Maintain an adequate distance from the vehicle in front of you so you're able to stop in time to avoid a collision.
3. Always signal your intentions to other drivers when turning and changing lanes.
4. Always come to a full stop at red lights and stop signs. Don't run yellow lights.
5. Let other drivers merge with you.
6. Obey posted speed limits.
7. Concentrate on your driving, not on your cell phone, stereo, passengers, or other distractions.
8. Use your horn sparingly, only to remind other drivers of your presence.
9. Never engage in inappropriate behavior such as making faces or rude or obscene gestures.
10. Extend common courtesy to other drivers at all times.



Rules of the Road II



- Always allow extra travel time.
 - ☐ Rest, avoid the 'drowsies,' and don't use artificial stimulants.
- Maintain an adequate distance from the vehicle in front of you so you're able to stop in time to avoid a collision.
 - ☐ If you can read the bumper stickers, you may be too close.
- Always signal your intentions to other drivers when turning and changing lanes.
 - ☐ You don't know what the other driver might be thinking.
- Always come to a full stop at red lights and stop signs. Don't run yellow lights.
 - ☐ Yellow does not mean speed up.
- Let other drivers merge with you.
 - ☐ Pretend the other driver is you.



Rules of the Road III



- Obey posted speed limits.
 - ☐ Nuff said!
- Concentrate on your driving, not on your cell phone, stereo, passengers, or other distractions.
 - ☐ Can you keep your hands on the wheel and a cell phone in your ear?
- Use your horn sparingly, only to remind other drivers of your presence.
 - ☐ Do you want to be known as a honker?
- Never engage in inappropriate behavior such as making faces or rude or obscene gestures.
 - ☐ Nothing to gain, all to lose.
- Extend common courtesy to other drivers at all times.
 - ☐ The measure of a good driver!



Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs)



- ▮ Popularity never higher
- ▮ Vehicle of choice among many females
- ▮ Different handling characteristics
- ▮ Requires more braking distance
- ▮ Higher center of gravity and roll-over risk
- ▮ Higher risk for losing control in turns
- ▮ Perception that SUVs are safer
- ▮ Consumer Reports magazine: a 'spotty safety record'
- ▮ More dangerous to smaller vehicles





Know Your SUV I



- Manufacturers are required to place an advisory sticker in each sport utility vehicle near the driver that reads:

"This is a multipurpose passenger vehicle which will handle and maneuver differently from an ordinary passenger car, in driving conditions which may occur on streets and highways and off road. As with other vehicles of this type, if you make sharp turns or abrupt maneuvers, the vehicle may roll over or may go out of control and crash. You should read driving guidelines and instructions in the Owner's Manual, and wear your seat belt at all times."



Know Your SUV II



Concerns

Antilock brakes

Stiffness

Rigid frame, high bumpers

Weight

Roll-over

Different handling characteristics

More people have been killed in crashes between a car and a light truck, such as an SUV, than in crashes between two cars, even though there are twice as many cars as light trucks on the road.



SUV Summary



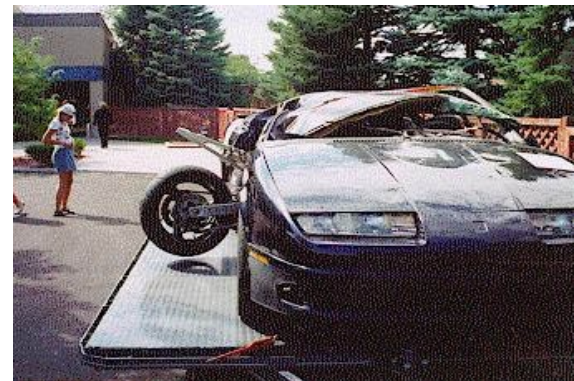
- **Avoid a "road warrior" mentality.**
- **Know how your SUV or truck responds to sudden braking or steering.**
- **Maintain constant pressure on the pedal when braking (if antilock) — don't pump the pedal.**
- **Adjust mirrors to minimize blind spots.**
- **Know where other vehicles are in proximity to you,**



Motorcycles



- Over 4 million motorcycles are registered in the United States.
- Motorcycle fatalities represent approximately 5% of annual highway fatalities.
- Motorcycles represent just 2% of registered vehicles in the United States.
- Almost 80% of reported motorcycle crashes result in injury or death. A comparable figure for automobiles is about 20%.
- What a motorcycle sacrifices in weight, bulk, and other crashworthiness characteristics is somewhat offset by its agility, maneuverability, ability to stop quickly, and ability to swerve.





Motorcycle Moments I



Causes of Many Motorcycle Accidents

Lack of basic riding skills

Failure to appreciate the inherent operating characteristics

Failure to appreciate the limitations of the motorcycle

Failure to use special precautions while riding

Failure to use defensive driving techniques

Lack of specific braking and



Motorcycle Moments II



Motorcycle Basic Skills

Good judgment

Physical coordination and concentration

Visual sharpness

Reaction time

General awareness

In an average year, 166,000 Americans will be hospitalized as a result of a motorcycle accident. Of this number, 4,700 of them will die.



Motorcycle Safety Tips



✓ **Treat other Motorists with Courtesy and Respect.**

- Avoid tailgating, riding between lanes of traffic, and excessive muffler noise.

✓ **Drive Defensively.**

- Be alert at intersections, check rearview mirrors, and watch road surfaces.

✓ **Be Visible.**

- Avoid the car's blind spot, use headlights day/night, and wear bright clothing.

✓ **Drive Smart.**

- Maintain speed consistent with driving conditions, and use brakes wisely.



Local Laws and Customs



Know the Turf

- ▢ Laws vary from country to country and sometimes state to state.
- ▢ A national/state driver's handbook is worth at least a good glance.
- ▢ A safety course may be appropriate for overseas duty.
- ▢ Don't assume rules and customs are the same.
- ▢ Insurance rules may vary.
- ▢ If you are married, you will want to ensure that your spouse is also properly licensed.





Core Values and Special Situations



Driving presents a unique display of who you are!

Values and character ought to be part of our lifestyle whether at work, behind the wheel, or at play.

Be smart enough to know and respect differences in driving:

**In different countries
Operating a motorcycle
Driving an SUV or truck**

CORE VALUES

Honor

To respect others on the road with you!

Courage

To demonstrate safety driving practices!

Commitment

To not become a driving statistic!



Summary



- **Safe driving practices are universal. Rules and customs may differ with location.**
- **Know and observe the Ten Driving Rules of the Road.**
- **SUVs are popular vehicles. If you own one, know handling characteristics, and watch out for smaller vehicles.**
- **Motorcycles are fun and present a unique way to see the country and get around town. Their speed and vulnerability demands increased focus.**
- **If you drive in another country or state, know the local rules, and be 'heads-up' for differences.**